

DEAR EDITOR: In reply to a letter published in April number entitled, "What Should the Nurses Do?" and signed M. B. B., R.N., I would like to state that I have had several cases when I think I felt a good deal as this nurse does; but must say that I have always, after six years of continuous work, found it the wisest plan to follow my physician's orders to the letter, without regard to what I may think. I find that a great many physicians do not always tell me all that they know about a case, and in every case he is doing his duty as he sees it, and I believe that a nurse should never overstep her place, which is to nurse and care for her patient as the doctor sees fit to prescribe. She is not responsible for the case, but the physician in charge is. Do your duty always and you will find that your patient's people will be satisfied and your physician will trust you more than ever before.

I have nursed in all classes, in the city and in the country, and I know the trials and hardships that one many times finds, but I find that loyalty to my physicians and to my God has brought me rich blessings and a clear conscience and many friends.

I talked with one of our most prominent physicians here on this letter, and he states that a nurse should always do her duty and stay with her patient and nurse as she is not the doctor and does not know what is the patient's ailment, and also does not know the dose that a patient may need. A dose, he states, is not a given amount, but the amount required to get the desired result.

C. C. R.

DEAR EDITOR: After boarding for three years with friends, I have gone back to housekeeping, and am glad to have my own home again. It seems to me if more of the nurses would do it, instead of putting up with things in a boarding-house or even clubs, a great deal of this dissatisfaction would cease. I am alone, with my beautiful collie dog—the best of company—but if two or three would take a little apartment and have a home and make it a home! I don't believe in a lot of nurses living together, they gossip, they wrangle, they don't do anything "worth while." They don't need to make hard work of it, but even then a change of work is a rest. To cook just what I want to eat, to have company or be alone. Financially it is no more, and the gathering together of your household goods is a never ending delight to me. I have had the most of my furniture made at a cabinet-maker's, then designed, cut and burned it in, and it makes things so much more your very own.

Forgive this personal effusion, but after the terrible personal experience I have gone through with, I am so happy at being in my own home again that I want to say to all nurses, "go thou and do likewise."

G. M. P.

DEAR EDITOR: You have kindly helped us in the past in calling attention to the need for nurses in connection with our mission work in the far East and elsewhere. We have just received a cable from Bishop Brent in the Philippines, asking that two nurses be sent out as early as possible, certainly not later than the middle of September, to take posts in the University Hospital in Manila. The institution at the present time has capacity for about thirty patients, but plans for enlargement will be carried through as soon as the needed funds are in hand. The hospital's work is done among American residents as well as on behalf of the Filipinos. If any of your readers would be willing to consider undertaking work of this kind I will supply particulars. In general I may say for the guidance of possible volunteers that only members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, or the Church of England, or the Church of England in Canada could be appointed; that a good degree of professional skill, good health, and ability to acquire a foreign language are essential qualifications.

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DEAR EDITOR: In a house of eight nurses I am the only subscriber to Our JOURNAL, yet when my JOURNAL arrives they do not hesitate to slip it out of its wrapper, read it and return it back again. Is there no way of enclosing it so it could not be taken out. Perhaps if this could be done we would have more subscribers.

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